



The Order of Worship

April 2, 2015
8:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
AND THE OFFICE OF *TENEBRAE

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727 J. S. Bach
My Heart Is Ever Yearning

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN NO. 170** (red hymnal) O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Passion Chorale*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of bread of our need for you. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in faithfulness. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to exchange, by words and touch, signs of reconciliation with one another.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-17 Maggie Gordon
SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35 Caroline McRae

ANTHEM Jesus, I Adore Thee *Adoro te devote*
arr. Stephen Caracciolo

Jesus I adore thee, Word of truth and grace, Who in glory shineth light upon our race. Christ, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed. Alpha and Omega, thou true Son of God.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; Faith that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told. What the truth hath spoken that for truth I hold.

Word of God incarnate, Lord of life and light, Teach me how to love and worship thee aright. Holy Spirit, ever bide within my heart, Speaking thy commandments, telling all thou art.

Wondrous revelation, verity and grace. Lo, in glory's heav'n I see thee face to face. Light of endless light whom heav'n and earth adore, Fill me with thy radiance now and evermore.

Thomas Aquinas

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues) ... to the glory of your name.

COMMUNION RESPONSE This Is the Body of Christ John L. Bell

(Prayer continues) ... great is the mystery of faith.

RESPONSE This Is the Body of Christ John L. Bell

COMMUNION

The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, Verse 3
Samuel Scheidt

As Jesus Hung on the Cross

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Please remain seated throughout.

JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL Matthew 26:20-25 Clara Oakes

HYMN NO. 93 (blue hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus *Herzliebster Jesu*
(Verses 1 and 3)

THE DISCIPLE'S PROMISE Matthew 26:30-35 James Hutzenbiler

HYMN NO. 370 (blue hymnal) Just as I Am, Without One Plea *Woodworth*

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN Luke 22:39-46 Leah Milam

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *Lonesome Valley*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself; O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by ourselves; O, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, You have to stand it by yourself, O, nobody else can stand it for you, You have to stand it by yourself.

American spiritual

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL Luke 22:47-62 Tolson Bell

HYMN NO. 93 (blue hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus *Herzliebster Jesu*
(Verses 2 and 4)

ARREST Mark 15:1-20 Emma Adamcik

CRUCIFIXION Luke 23:32-43 Ethan Partelow

Calvary African-American spiritual

Calvary, Surely He died on Calvary.

Don't you hear the hammer ringing? Surely He died on Calvary.
(Refrain)

Don't you hear Him calling His Father? Surely He died on Calvary.
(Refrain)

Don't you hear Him say, "It is finished"? Surely He died on Calvary. (Refrain)

African-American spiritual

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

THE DEATH Mark 15:33-39

SPIRITUAL Were You There? *Were You There*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

African-American spiritual

SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT Isaiah 53:3-6 Jim Mason

EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT

STREPITUS (THE DEATH OF OUR LORD)

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

Our thanks to Meredith Mackay and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

The prelude is a lovely setting of this evening’s opening hymn. Bach only slightly ornaments the melody and keeps it and the accompaniment separate enough to allow the chorale melody to be plainly heard. He also indicates for the organist to use two manuals (and pedal), resulting in the solo line and accompaniment being played on different stops. Tonight we will enjoy hearing the melody played on the Principal 8’, accompanied by the Gedackt 8’ on the Swell and 16’ and 8’ flutes in the pedal.

***Tenebrae** is not really a service. The word means “darkness” or “shadows” and first began to appear in church liturgies around the seventh century. Tenebrae has come to symbolize the darkness and somber tone of the accounts of Christ’s suffering and crucifixion, reflected in the scripture readings, in the music, and in the silence of the people as they leave the sanctuary.

The “Strepitus” means “loud noise” and is signified by the slamming of a book or door at the conclusion of the service. Originally, the strepitus was a loud noise made by the abbot to signify to the monks, who were in silent meditation, that the liturgy of the hours was over. It has come to symbolize the harsh reality of the death of our Lord.

Easter Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m.	Worship

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